

Portland Harbor Superfund Site Proposed Plan

Status: In response to numerous requests for additional time to review the agency's Proposed Plan for the Portland Harbor site, [on June 23] EPA Region 10 extended the comment period on the proposed plan until September 6, 2016, allowing public comment for 90 days comment.

- EPA's Region 10 office, in consultation with our Headquarters Superfund Program, has been very engaged with the Lower Willamette PRP Group regarding the project.
- Region 10's website contains up-to-date information about activities at the site and the region is holding several public meetings to provide opportunities to learn more about the plan to help make Portland Harbor safer and healthier.

Background

- The EPA is the lead agency responsible for investigating and cleaning up contaminated sediments in the river. Working with individual property owners, ODEQ is the lead agency for investigating and cleaning up contamination on upland sites. Both the EPA and DEQ coordinate with six tribal governments and other natural resource trustees.
- On June 8, EPA released the Proposed Plan for Portland Harbor, which triggered a public comment period, which was extended to September 6.
- The plan, which includes capping, dredging, and natural recovery, will take about 7 years to construct and will cost about \$745 million.

Congressional Interest

- Senator Merkley's office has been very engaged with Region 10 regarding the Portland Harbor site.
- In response to Oregon Congressional representatives, EPA has been fulfilling its commitment to undertake enhanced engagement with the Members and PRPs.
- EPA Region 10 and the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) are convening regular executive level meetings to set direction for the project and resolve issues as needed. These meetings include key representatives from the State of Oregon and the City of Portland.